

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

ELAINE B. JONES

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHOPPERS FOOD WAREHOUSE CORP.

Defendant.

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**NOTICE OF REMOVAL FROM  
THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD  
CASE NO. CAL15-16402**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**PETITION FOR REMOVAL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1441(a), the Defendant, Shoppers Food Warehouse Corp., respectively notices the removal of the above-captioned matter to this Honorable Court from the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, and as grounds therefor states as follows:

1. On or about June 30, 2015, Defendant Shoppers Food Warehouse Corp. was served with a Summons and Complaint in an action commenced by the Plaintiff, Elaine Jones, in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland as Docket No. CAL15-16402. True and correct copies of the Summons and Complaint are attached hereto as Exhibit A. No further proceedings have taken place in this action.

2. This Notice of Removal is filed within thirty (30) days of receipt of service by Defendant Shoppers Food Warehouse Corp. and, therefore, is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1446(b).

3. Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Petitioner filed a written Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint on July 16, 2105. Copies of Defendant's Answer and Notice of Removal are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B.

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4. In her Complaint, Plaintiff Elaine Jones seeks judgment against this Defendant in an amount in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) in compensatory damages, plus interest and costs.

5. At the time of commencement of this action, Plaintiff was and is now a resident of the District of Columbia.

6. At the time of commencement of this action, and at all other times relevant to the subject proceeding, Defendant Shoppers Food Warehouse Corp.'s principal place of business is Minnesota, and is incorporated in the state of Ohio.

7. As this is a civil action wherein the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, this Honorable Court has diversity of jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1332.

8. The Petitioner presents and files herewith a check in the amount of \$400 for the filing fee, as required by law.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Shoppers Food Warehouse Corp., respectfully requests to remove this action from the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

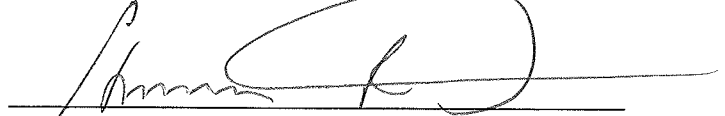
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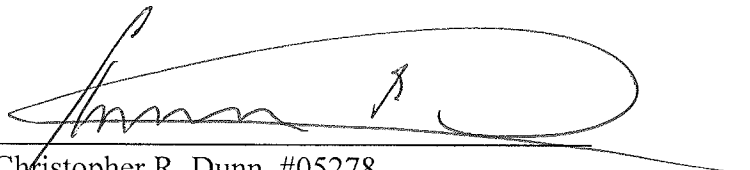


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 16th day of July, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Petition for Removal was forwarded, postage prepaid, via First Class mail, to:

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